

The Village of Northfield

REGULAR COUNCIL MEETING

December 30, 2015

The meeting was called to order by Council President, Beatrice Greenlee at 7:30 p.m.

The Pledge of allegiance was led by Council President Greenlee.

ROLL CALL was read by Tricia Ingrassia. The following were present: Councilpersons Bea Greenlee, Linda Bowen, Alan Hipps, Nick Magistrelli, Gary Vojtush, and Jim Daugherty. In addition, Law Director Brad Bryan and Police Chief Mark Wentz were present. Mayor Nehez, Village Engineer Richard Wasosky, Fire Chief Jason Buss, and Jason Walters were absent.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

A motion to approve the December 9, 2015 minutes was made by Council President Greenlee and seconded by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed.

Council deviated from the agenda to swear in two Police Officers.

2015-88- An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Micheal Bonfield as Full-Time Police Officer. First Reading.

2015-89- An Emergency Resolution Confirming the Mayor / Director of Public Safety's Appointment of Patrick Pizzuli as a Full-Time Police Officer. First Reading.

Brad Bryan read the two resolutions. Motion to suspend the three reading rule for Resolutions 2015-88 and 2015-89 made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed.

Chief Wentz swore in Patrolman Bonfield and Patrolman Pizzuli.

PRESENTATION OF PETITIONS, MEMORIALS AND REMONSTRANCES:

Chad Bradley of Cambridge Drive thanked Councilwomen Greenlee and Bowen for their years of service. Chad expressed his interest in taking the empty council seat. He handed in his resume and gave Council a copy as well.

Alan Fellner stated he is a landlord of a small single family home in the Village. Mr. Fellner wanted to express his opinion as to the unfairness of the annual rental property annual inspection and certificate fee that was imposed on the landlords in Northfield Village this past year. Mr. Fellner stated he takes pride and good care of his rental property and asked why the Village is coming down on the landlords? He would like to know if the residents are being held to the same 17 point inspection program, and whether fines are imposed on residents if they don't comply? Mr. Fellner said he drove around the block and counted more than 25 driveways that are gravel. He asked whether they will have to replace their driveway with concrete or asphalt like landlords had to in order to receive the rental certificate. Mr. Fellner stated he feels the ordinance should be the same for everyone, not just landlords. He feels the \$100 a year fee for this rental certificate is excessive, and he would like this to change for 2016.

Brad Bryan advised the \$100 fee is to help defray some of the costs to the Village in connection with this program. It helps recover some of the costs for the time the Building and Zoning Inspector spends in coming out and performing the inspection, the Department Secretary spends to put the necessary information on the report and send it to the homeowner, and the time spent on the follow up inspection to make sure the

violations are corrected. Brad Bryan also stated that the residents are held to the same standard as the landlords through the point of sale inspection program when they sell their property. Residents also have to maintain the exterior of their property and are cited if they don't comply. Brad stated that the driveway ordinance is for the rentals, home owners are grandfathered in, but if they sell the house they will have to comply at that time.

Keith Czerr expressed his feelings about the \$100 rental inspection fee. Mr. Czerr feels it discriminates against the people who invest in this town. He feels the fee should be for everyone, not just landlords. He also feels it is unfair that the landlords have to replace driveways if they are gravel.

Ranell Noack also thanked Councilwomen Greenlee and Bowen for their years of service and wished success to the current Councilmembers. Ms. Noack stated she is interested in filling the vacant Council seat.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL OFFICERS:

MAYOR JESSE J. NEHEZ - Absent.

FINANCE DIRECTOR TRICIA INGRASSIA- Report Attached. Ms. Ingrassia asked Council to make a motion to approve a payment to Finley Fire (Electrical repair on a fire truck totaling \$7,462.72 dated October 23, 2015). Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor zero opposed. Motion approved.

ENGINEER RICHARD WASOSKY - Absent.

LAW DIRECTOR BRADRIC BRYAN- Mr. Bryan requested approval of the Mayor's Court monthly disbursements for the months of September, October, and November, 2015.

September's total Disbursement of \$15,333.81. Motion to accept by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee, all in favor, zero opposed.

October's total Disbursement of \$15,647.24. Motion to accept by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed.

November's total Disbursement of \$12,924.95. Motion to accept by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed.

Brad Bryan wanted to remind Council there will be a vacant seat for Ward C as of January 1, 2016. Council will have 30 days to make that appointment.

Brad reported he handed out an announcement for a test to hire a full-time fire fighter. Dave Johnson has been hired full-time by the Mayfield Village Fire Department and will be resigning from his full-time position in Northfield Village. Chief Buss would like approval to send out the announcement and conduct this test so that someone can be hired by the end of February. Motion to accept made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed.

OTHER DEPARTMENT HEADS:

Police Department, Chief Mark Wentz- No report.

Fire Chief, Jason Buss- Report attached. Lt. Joe Zemek was here in Chief Buss's absence.

Service/Building Supervisor, Jason Walters-Absent.

REPORTS OF MUNICIPAL BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS:

PLANNING COMMISSION, ALAN HIPPS- No report.

RECREATION BOARD, MAYOR NEHEZ- No report.

CEMETERY BOARD, BEATRICE GREENLEE- Meeting December 31, 2015 at 3pm.

REPORTS OF STANDING COMMITTEES:

FINANCE: LINDA BOWEN-

Brad Bryan read the following resolution: **2015-99-**An Emergency Resolution Approving the Payment of Bills for the Month of November, 2015 (\$383,640.77). Motion to approve made by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

ROADS/PUBLIC WORKS: JIM DAUGHERTY - No report.

HEALTH AND WELFARE: GARY VOJTUSH - No report.

WAGES AND WORKING CONDITIONS: NICHOLAS MAGISTRELLI- No report.

FIRE AND SAFETY: BEATRICE GREENLEE- No report.

BUILDINGS & GROUNDS: ALAN HIPPS-No report.

LEGISLATION

2015-74- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 892.01(a) of the Business Regulation and Taxation Code Relating to the Admissions Tax.-Third reading. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-75- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 446.03 of the Traffic Code Relating to Snowmobiles, Off-Highway Motorcycles and All-Purpose Vehicles. -Third reading. Motion to pass made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-76- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 210.01(b) of the Administrative Code Relating to the Policy and Procedure for Professional Design Services.-Third reading. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-90- An Emergency Resolution Designating Councilpersons Alan Hipps and Gary Vojtush as the Public Records Act Training Designees for 2015 for Mayor Jesse Nehez and Councilpersons Bea Greenlee, Linda Bowen, James Daugherty, and Nicholas Magistrelli. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Daugherty. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-91-An Emergency Resolution to make Temporary Appropriations for Current Expenses and other Expenditures of the Village for the Period from January 1, 2016 through March 31, 2016. First reading. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-92-An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into an Agreement with Diane Gacom dba Rocky Hill Web Designs to Maintain the Village's Website for the 2016 Calendar Year. First read-

ing. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, motion passed. Motion to pass by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Hipps. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-93- An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Enter into a New Collective Bargaining Agreement with the OPBA Relating to the Police Lieutenant. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-94- An Emergency Resolution Censuring Councilperson Gary Vojtush. Motion to suspend the three reading rule made by Councilman Hipps, seconded by Council President Greenlee. Councilpersons Bowen, Daugherty, Greenlee, Hipps, and Magistrelli voted yes. Councilman Vojtush voted no. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Hipps. Councilpersons Bowen, Daugherty, Greenlee, Hipps, and Magistrelli voted yes. Councilman Vojtush voted no. Resolution Adopted with 5 affirmative votes in favor of the censure resolution.

Councilman Vojtush stated he wished that Council would have reconsidered the censure action. He stated that with everything going on in the Village, a censure should have happened a while ago, not with himself, but with the use of the Village's credit card for personal reasons. Councilman Vojtush stated he is beside himself and feels this action needs to be reconsidered, but since everyone voted, it's too late. Councilman Vojtush stated he feels they are going to an extreme, and he thinks there is a hidden agenda. Brad Bryan apologized to Councilman Vojtush for not giving him the opportunity to speak before Council voted and asked if anyone on Council wanted to reconsider the censure vote after Councilman Vojtush spoke. No one made a motion to reconsider the vote on the censure resolution.

2015-95- An Emergency Resolution authorizing Certain Amendments to the Annual Appropriation Ordinance. A Motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilwoman Bowen, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

2015-96- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Section 246.10(e) of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Compensation for Full-Time Firefighters Working on Holidays. First reading. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Daugherty, all in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Vojtush, all in favor, zero opposed.

2015-97- An Emergency Ordinance Amending Sections 246.10(i) and 258.08 of the Codified Ordinances Relating to Longevity Pay. First reading. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Vojtush, all in favor, zero opposed.

2015-98- An Emergency Resolution Authorizing the Mayor to Amend the Sections of the OPBA and IAM Collective Bargaining Agreements Relating to Longevity Pay. First reading. A motion to suspend the three reading rule was made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Councilman Magistrelli. All in favor, zero opposed. Motion to pass made by Councilman Vojtush, seconded by Council President Greenlee. All in favor, zero opposed.

OLD BUSINESS; ANNOUNCEMENTS; NEW BUSINESS:

Councilman Vojtush wanted to let the Police and Fire/EMS know his wife sent out an e-mail about a free training for first responders for autism awareness. There is a class coming up in January.

Council President Greenlee nominated Councilman Nick Magistrelli to be the temporary Council President. Brad Bryan explained that this appointment is temporary only. It will be from January 1 until at least the first Council Meeting in January when the new Council can vote to appoint a Council President for all of 2016. Motion made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilman Vojtush. All in favor, zero opposed.

Councilman Magistrelli thanked Council President Greenlee and Councilwoman Bowen for all they have done.

ADJOURNMENT - Motion to adjourn made by Council President Greenlee, seconded by Councilwoman Bowen. All in favor, zero opposed. Meeting adjourned at 8:28 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by:

Tricia Ingrassia, Clerk of Council